AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method of manufacturing a component of a center console assembly for the interior of a vehicle, said method comprising the steps of:

actuating a core within a mold cavity so as to partition at least one area of said mold cavity, to prevent a first molten thermoplastic material from completely filling said mold cavity;

injecting said first molten thermoplastic material having a predetermined density into a mold cavity so as to fill said mold cavity thereby forming a structural element defining a substrate that serves as a lid of a center console;

retracting the core within the mold cavity to provide at least one secondary void within said mold cavity; and

injecting a second molten thermoplastic material having a density less than the predetermined density of said first molten thermoplastic material into said secondary void of said mold cavity to form at least one soft-touch area bonded to and adjacent at least a portion of said structural element to define a soft-touch area on said lid.

2. (Currently amended) The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein the step of retracting the core within the mold cavity further includes the step of permitting a predetermined lapse of time prior ~~to permit said structural element to partially cure prior~~ to retracting said retractable core to permit said structural element to partially cure.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently amended) A [[The]] method ~~as set forth in claim 1 wherein said step~~ of manufacturing a component of a center console assembly for the interior of a vehicle, said method comprising the steps of:

actuating a core within a mold cavity so as to partition at least one area of said mold cavity, to prevent a first molten thermoplastic material from completely filling said mold cavity;

injecting [[a]] said first molten thermoplastic material ~~further includes the step of~~ having a predetermined density into a mold cavity so as to fill said mold cavity thereby defining a housing of a center console having a plurality of sidewalls that define an interior compartment;

retracting the core within the mold cavity to provide at least one secondary void within said mold cavity; and

injecting a second molten thermoplastic material having a density less than the predetermined density of said first molten thermoplastic material into said secondary void of said mold cavity to form at least one soft-touch area~~, said second thermoplastic material~~ bonded to and adjacent at least a portion of at least one sidewall that is visible from the interior of a vehicle.

5. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein the step of injecting a second molten thermoplastic material further includes injecting a thermoplastic material having different color than the color of said first molten thermoplastic material.

6. (Currently amended) A method of manufacturing a component of a center console assembly for the interior of a vehicle, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a mold having first and second die halves and a core moveably supported relative to said die halves and disposed therebetween to define a first and second mold cavity between said moveable core and said first and second die halves;

injecting ~~said~~ a first molten thermoplastic material having a predetermined density into said first mold cavity so as to fill said first mold cavity thereby forming a structural element that defines a substrate that serves as a lid for a center console;

moving said **[[a]]** core relative to said first and second die halves to define said second mold cavity; and

injecting a second molten thermoplastic material having a density less than the predetermined density of said first molten thermoplastic material into said second mold cavity thereby forming at least one soft-touch area bonded to and adjacent at least a portion of said structural element to define a soft-touch area on said lid.

7. (Currently amended) The method as set forth in claim 6 wherein the step of moving said core to define said second mold cavity further includes the step of permitting a predetermined lapse of time prior to injecting a second molten thermoplastic material to permit said structural element to partially cure.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled).

10. (Currently amended) The method as set forth in claim [[1]] 6 wherein the step of injecting a second molten thermoplastic material further includes injecting a thermoplastic material having different color than the color of said first molten thermoplastic material.

11 – 16 (Withdrawn)

17. (New) The method as set forth in claim 4 wherein the step of retracting the core within the mold cavity further includes the step of permitting a predetermined lapse of time prior to retracting said retractable core to permit said structural element to partially cure.

18. (New) The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein the step of injecting a second molten thermoplastic material further includes injecting a thermoplastic material having different color than the color of said first molten thermoplastic material.